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Newport Italianfest 2004

The City of Newport *Italianfest* Committee is busy preparing for the 13th Annual *Italianfest* to be held along Newport's Riverboat Row between the Taylor-Southgate and Purple People Bridges. The festival runs from Thursday, June 10th through Sunday, June 13th.

"We're excited about the changes being made this year to enhance *Italianfest*", says *Italianfest* 2004 Chairman, Mayor Tom Guidugli. Opening night will be Big Band Night featuring the Pete Wagner Orchestra complete with a dance area for all to dance to their favorite songs.

Throughout the weekend, festivalgoers will enjoy live entertainment by Frank Massa, Ronnie Fiorentino and the Fiesta Dancers. For added fun catch "Elvis" (Steve Chuke) who promises to go Italian for the evening.



Take a tour through time and visit the Italian Family Photo Exhibit showcasing Newport's first Italian-American families. Visit with Donna Valtri Crane author of "Italian Love Stories", A Kentuckian's Journal of Tuscany, she will be available throughout the festival to sell and sign her book for you. Family Recognition Events will be scheduled throughout the festival as well. The City of Newport will be honoring four of it's Oldest Italian-Americans and will be presenting it's first Honored Italian-American Sons and Daughters Award, announcements will follow at a later date. Additionally, the Italianfest Committee is looking for some funny and heartwarming stories about family cooking and traditions. Consider writing a story for My Mom the Cook. The story

can be written about any family member who is Italian or married to an Italian. Everyone is encouraged to enter the *Italianfest* Cooking Contest, which will be held on Sunday. Forms can be downloaded from the City of Newport's web site at www.cityofnewportky.org, under *Italianfest*, or picked up at the Embassy Booth, which will be located on the festival grounds. Additional festival information will be provided at the City's web site, or you can call the City of Newport at 859-292-3666.

Italianfest offers fun family entertainment for all ages. The children will enjoy rides and games at the festival, they will also see roving magicians and balloon artists twisting and turning the balloons into wonderful animals, hats etc. At noon on Saturday, come and enjoy Madcap Productions Puppet Thea-

tre's presentation of 3 Tales With Tails. The puppet show follows the Spaghetti Nob Benefit-NPI RiverWalk, which is scheduled for 10:00 am and ends at 11:00 am at *Italianfest*. A Pizza Eating contest follows the puppet show and is always fun to watch. Sunday will feature "Read to Me Grandma", a story hour for preschool and up to sit and enjoy Italian favorites Pinocchio and The Legend of Old Befana, as well as, some newer stories for the children to hear.

City Manager Phil Ciafardini states that site improvements are well underway to level the park area and to have it handicapped accessible. "It promises to be a great, fun filled weekend for all, come and enjoy *Italianfest 2004*".

Rededication of Bartlett Field

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration as the City of Newport rededicates the newly renovated Bartlett Field.

Rededication of Bartlett Field Friday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. Rainout date: Saturday, June 19 at Noon. Bartlett Field will feature the following improvements new ball fields (Sod/underground irrigation), ball field lighting, backstops, fencing, dugouts, scoreboards, hillside stadium style seating, concrete steps, walking trail, water fountains, extended outfield, park signage, full concession, additional parking and landscaping.

Excellence in Preservation Award Winners

The City of Newport Historic Preservation Office announces the 2004 Excellence in Preservation Award Winners. Based on nominations submitted to the Newport Historic Preservation Commission, this year's winners honor the best of Newport's restoration projects for 2004. This year's River Cities award ceremony was held on May 20th in conjunction with the cities of Bellevue and Covington at Bellevue's Center Park Retirement Center, an adaptive re-use of a historic school.

The five Newport winners include projects completed on residential and commercial buildings, porches, and building facade restoration. Many of the projects were structures in need of significant rehabilitation. They all have one thing in common: using outstanding historic preservation principles and guidelines in carrying out their projects. The following are this year's winners:

642 Overton Street

Ryan and Rebekah Fellers

Exterior Restoration

The owners of 642 Overton have taken great pains to restore the appearance of their home. In recent months they have repointed the house using the appropriate historic mortar recipe, repaired the two large first floor original wood windows and replaced the roof. They have also repaired the deteriorated cornice. Missing from the house were the second story window hood moldings. The owners wanted to restore these easily observable gaps on the front façade. They have had hood moldings custom built to match those on the first floor, truly bringing back the house's original appearance.



Before



After

413 E. Third Street

Sandra Voss

Commercial Rehabilitation

This building had been vacant and in significant disrepair after years of neglect by the former property owner, who had been receiving violation notices for over 15 years. A group of investors came together to rehabilitate the building into a spa, performing substantial work both inside and out. Plywood in the storefront was removed and the windows opened up. New doors were installed to replace two non-original, utilitarian entryways. An awning was installed and the trim painted. The building, once an eyesore, is now a contributing member of the neighborhood once again.



Before

821 Park Avenue

Ray Mack, Steve Karoly, Dave Nelson, Scott Vidourek Preservation-in-Progress



After

Architectural Renovation and Construction chose a tough first property to tackle. The house's roof was torn off in a 1986 tornado, and a pre-fabricated truss with artificial siding was installed, creating a highly unsympathetic appearance. After discussing options of what to do to ameliorate the roof problem, the group decided to remove the unsympathetic addition and recreate a fitting roof complete with cornice brackets, frieze windows and box gutters. Working on the weekends, the roof work is almost complete. Future plans include painting the building and the reconfiguration of the side porch complete with roof structure and detailing in keeping with the historic nature of the property.

407 E. Fifth Street

Randy and Teresa Knapmeyer Exterior Restoration

This house's original porch configuration was lost at some point to an unsympathetic shed roof and a wrought iron railing and porch posts. Randy and Teresa approached the Preservation Commission in October 2003 with a proposal to restore the appearance of the porch to something fitting the home. Following the examples of historic porches found on their block, the owners removed the new roof, posts and railings, and have created an appropriate porch for the Italianate residence. Turned wood posts were installed, as was an attractive spindle railing. One of the biggest differences is the reconfigured porch roof, now featuring a gable with decorative detailing.

826 Overton Street

Greg Tulley and Brenda Bonecutter Residential Rehabilitation

This property sat vacant for 11 years prior to being purchased on the auction block in 2000 after a city foreclosure. The house needed extensive brick replacement due to mortar deterioration and a strong storm in 2001 that blew most the roof off the house into the yard below. Some damaged walls needed to be removed, as the third floor rear was in danger of collapse. It also had a pigeon infestation. The owners have been undertaking an entire rehabilitation of the property – the building has all new plumbing, electric and HVAC. The work includes installing new wood windows, repainting the exterior, refinishing the floors and redoing the entire interior.

Eighth Annual Garden Walk

The East Row Garden Club will present the 2004 Garden Walk on one of the favorite highlights of the tour. Volunteers will also be in Saturday and Sunday, June 26th June 27th, an annual tour for the each garden to answer visitor's questions. public that showcases the enchanting gardens of historic Newport, Kentucky. The Bank of Kentucky and local Newport merchants One relaxation area is planned along the tour route. In additional, sponsor the tour. The garden club was established in early 1996 several local nurseries and artists will offer perennials, annuals and and membership is open to anyone within the City of Newport

During the tour, as visitors walk through the neighborhood, 10 gardens will be featured - each chosen for its distinctive imagination and design. Many of the gardens are small and enclosed by century-old brick walls and ornate iron fences, characteristic of the historic neighborhood's Queen Anne and Italianate architecture.

Among the gardens is a spectacular walled garden that has been honored by the Cincinnati Horticultural Society and featured in Garden Design and a variety of other publications...

Other gardens include:

- A Charleston-inspired courtyard garden
- An "William Morrison" inspired Cottage Garden
- A formal French Garden incorporating iron fencing to accommodate the owner's love for both gardening and the family dog.

During the hours of the tour, some live musical performances are scheduled in most gardens. In addition, visitors will be presented with a handout at each garden listing the homeowner's ten favorite plants and a brief history of the home. The handouts have become

garden-related decorative art, accessories and gifts for sale.

The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in the East Row His- Tickets will be \$15.00 per person and sold during the tour at the toric District, the second largest local historic district in Kentucky. exhibitor area at the Watertower Square parking lot, located at 6th

> & Washington Streets. Children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. Tickets will be sold until 3 p. m. each day.

> The East Row Garden Club began early on as an organization that wanted to focus on beautifying all of the City of Newport. Through the proceeds of the annual Garden Walk, and the ongoing efforts of many volunteers, the East Row Garden Club has just completed the large garden at Third and Park Avenue. The Club will now choose another beautification project. Completed projects by the members include the traffic is land at the I-471 ramp, planters on the "Purple People Bridge", the landscape design for the New Library, the garden at Newport High School and the garden at the Brighton Center.

It is through the proceeds from the Garden Walk that help finance these projects. This year, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Newport also.

For more information call (859) 291-2565 or visit www.cityofnewportky.org/garden club.

Grilling Safety

Fact: In 1999, gas and charcoal grills caused 1,500 structure fires and 4,200 outdoor fires in or on home properties, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$29.8 million dollars.

Safety Tips:

- Create as Safe Zone. Position your grill a safe distance from and combustible material, play areas and foot traffic. Keep children and pets away from the
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping when flipping bur-
- Remove grease or fat buildup in the trays below the grill so a hot grill cannot ignite it.
- If your using a charcoal grills, purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and way from heat sources. It's extremely dangerous to substitute any other combustible liquid to start coals.

- Apply starter fluid directly to the coals, then reseal and put away the can. Light coals carefully, avoiding the flame flare-up. Store the can out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- If you have a propane grill, check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. Have leaking fuel lines repaired before using.
 - All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. Their triangular-shape hand wheel easily identifies OPDs.
 - When you've finished cooking, keep an eye on the grill until it has completely cooled. Charcoal can be soaked with water to speed the cooling process.

Have a safe and tasty grilling season.





Newport Italianfest 2004 Schedule of Events

Italianfest 2004 will be held on June 10th - 13th. The festival times are:

Thursday June 10th from 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Friday June 11th from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Saturday June 12th from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday June 13th from Noon to 9:00 p.m.

Italian fest 2004 features mouthwatering authentic Italian pastas and desserts, live Italian music performed by entertainers from around the nation, a Golf Outing, a 5K Run, a pizza eating contest, a cooking contest and plenty of games and rides for children to enjoy. You can walk back in time at the family photo booth, which showcases the history of Italian families that settled in Newport generations ago. There will be a fireworks display Friday and Saturday nights. Italianfest 2004 is a cultural event the entire family will enjoy!

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2004

8:00 PM Opening Ceremony

8:15 PM Oldest Italian-American Ceremony - Carmen Sarge

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM Pete Wagner Orchestra

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2004

5:30 PM Pete Wagner Orchestra

6:00 PM Oldest Italian-American Ceremony - Bertha Zappa Stahl

6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Ronnie Fiorentino

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Elvis

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Fiesta Dancers 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM Ray Massa 11:00 PM Fireworks

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2004

10:00 AM Spaghetti Nob Benefit - NPI Riverwalk 11:00 AM NPI Riverwalk Awards Ceremony

NOON Madcap Puppet Theatre
2:00 PM Pizza Eating Contest
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Pete Wagner Orchestra
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Ronnie Fiorentino

6:00 PM Oldest Italian-American Ceremony - Theresa (Tess) Gratta Bishop

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Ray Massa
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Ronnie Fiorentino
8:45 PM - 9:45 PM Fiesta Dancers
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM Ray Massa
11:00 PM Fireworks

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2004

11:00 AM Mass (Celebrant - Father Rick Bolte)

12:30 PM Honored Italian American Sons And Daughters Award - Sr. Maddalena Guidugli

1:00 PM Italian Cooking Contest (Tent)
1:00 PM "Read To Me Grandma" Story Hour

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM Ronnie Fiorentino 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Ray Massa

4:00 PM Oldest Italian-American Ceremony - Jennie Musilli Wogan Nadaud

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM Elvis

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Fiesta Dancers 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM Ronnie Fiorentino 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Ray Massa



Newport Italianfest 2004

Honoring Italian-Americans:

City of Newport *Italianfest*Oldest *Italian*-American Newport Residents



Thursday, June 10, 2004 Carmen Sarge Day in the City of Newport (Age 90) Proclamation Presentation 8:15 PM



Friday, June 11, 2004
Bertha Zappa Stahl Day in the City of Newport (Age 88)
Proclamation Presentation 6:00 PM



Saturday, June 12, 2004
Theresa (Tess) Gratta Bishop Day in the City of Newport (Age 88)
Proclamation Presentation 6:00 PM



Sunday, June 13, 2004
Jennie Musilli Wogan Nadaud Day in the City of Newport (Age 88)
Proclamation Presentation 4:00 PM

Honored Italian-American Sons and Daughters Award



Sunday, June 13, 2004 Sr. Maddalena Guidugli Presentation 12:30 PM

Senior Day Out

Newport Police Department and Kentucky Attorney General's Office presents Senior's Day Out at Newport on the Levee on Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

Activities include: Possible blood pressure/health screening, free movie for seniors, free transportation from established pickup points, and information booths for seniors

There will also be training sessions covering issues for senior citizens will include: new prescription drug program, Medicare changes, and crime prevention information.

Visit stores and shops in Newport on the Levee.

Come and join us for a day of fun and excitement at Newport on the Levee. See firsthand what all the talk is about in Newport.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

This event is sponsored by Newport Police Department, Campbell County Triad and Newport on the Levee.

Parks and Recreation Moving Forward

Community support and excitement could be felt among the

large crowd as the Veteran's Memorial Fields were rededicated by the City of Newport on April 17, 2004. The ceremony was led by Newport City Manager, Phil Ciafardini, and included an official ribbon-cutting ceremony, a presentation of the Rededication Plaque, and the honorary throwing of the first pitch by Mayor Tom Guidugli to Parks and Recreation Director Nick Rouse. Other attending dignitaries included Newport City Officials Jerry Pe-

luso, Jan Knepshield, Beth Fennell, and Robbie Hall, along with State Representative Jim Callahan.

Veterans were honored by the American Legion, who partici-

pated in the raising of the American Flag during the National Anthem, sung by Brother Richard Livingood of Trinity Baptist Church. To kick off the 2004 season at the facility, a District 22 Knothole baseball game concluded the ceremony.

Be sure to take part in the excitement on June 4, when four District 22 Knothole legends are inducted into

the Knothole Hall of Fame as the City of Newport rededicates Bartlett Field.



Transportation/Parking Projects

South Monmouth Storm Sewer Improvements

Beginning last summer there have been flooding issues along South Monmouth Street (U.S.27). This flooding was mainly the result of a collapsed private line in front of the AmeriStop strip center. The City has partnered with the Sanitation District to correct the immediate problem. The project is expected to be completed by May 31, 2004. Due to the tremendous amount of water that flows through that line, with most of the water coming from outside of Newport, the Sanitation District has agreed to conduct a Watershed Study so that short and long range strategies can be developed to provide for further storm water improvements throughout the storm system. Public meetings with regard to the Watershed Study is scheduled to occur on May 26, 2004.

Painting on I-471 Bridge

During the next twelve months, the State will be repainting the I-471 Bridge. Currently the arches of the bridge are being painting, please prepare yourself for lane closures.

Downtown Monmouth Street

It is anticipated that new benches, banners, trash receptacles, and planters will be installed down Monmouth Street by the end of June.

10th Street and Park Avenue Bridge Replacement

Work is underway on the replacement of the bridge that crosses the railroad at 10th Street and Park Avenue. 10th Street remains closed to traffic at Park Avenue. The bridge will reopen no later than October 19, 2004, with the anticipated completion of the project in November 2004. Detour signs are posted to direct traffic around the area.

Cinergy

Gas utility improvements are currently underway on various streets throughout the City. These streets include Riddle Place and Laycock Lane, West Ridge Place and Parker Road, New Linden Road, David Court, Linden Avenue and Adrian Court, Dexter Road and Carroll Street. Work is anticipated to be completed by August 2004.

Fourth and Fifth Street Improvements

Sidewalk and curb replacement has begun, on Fourth and Fifth Streets between Monmouth Street to Columbia Street. Completion for this work is scheduled for Mid-June. The State Department of Transportation will be repaying Fourth and Fifth Street west of Monmouth Street, following the replacement of the curbs and sidewalks.

National Homeownership Month

June is busting out all over....
It's National Homeownership Month!

Mayor's Roundtable on Housing

The City is celebrating National Home Ownership Month by unveiling a new marketing initiative aimed at increasing homeownership throughout the City. For several months, the mayor and other City officials have been meeting with residents, local lenders, non-profits, and business owners addressing issues surround-

ing homeownership opportunities. The members of the Mayor's Roundtable on Housing have developed a marketing plan that will be unveiled at the Italianfest opening celebration on June 10th.

City Manager's Task Force on Housing

To strengthen these efforts, the City Manager's Task Force on Housing was formed. Consisting of members from the City Manager's staff, Police, Fire and Finance, this committee is reviewing housing in terms of

internal services and support. The group meets monthly and is currently working on implementing work standards that will allow various departments to cross reference information.

Third Annual "Nominate A Neighbor" Awards

Do you know someone in the City who has made significant improvements to their home during the past year? We are currently accepting nominations for the third annual "Nominate A Neighbor" Awards. This program was developed to recognize residents who made significant improvements to their home during the previous year. Nomination forms may be picked up at the

Newport Municipal Complex, 998 Monmouth Street, Monday thru Friday, between 8 am and 4:30 pm or by calling Bridget Cassidy-Zeigler at (859) 292-3666, ext 141.

Topping the Charts

In the Sunday, May 9, 2004 Enquirer it was noted the average sale price of homes in Newport rose 29.3 percent from 2002 to 2003 and 55 percent since 1999. That's more than any other neighborhood in the region and compares to 6.5% for all Northern Kentuckers in the street of the str

tucky neighborhoods from 2002.

My Otd Trendy Kentucky Home

In the May issue of the <u>Cincinnati Magazine</u> Newport was chosen as one of the areas 25 most livable communities and highlighted as a trendy place to live. "From it's lovingly cared-for historic district to its flashy new million-dollar city-view hillside construction, NEWPORT has always been on the leading edge."

Hope VI - Liberty Row

Liberty Row, the first phase of the Hope VI project, is nearing completion. This development is located at 8th Street between Central and Isabella. The six new homes on the east side of Liberty are 90% complete with the remainder of the construction 60% complete. There will be a total of 12 new homes and two rehabilitated homes. Project completion is planned for July of this summer. For questions regarding Liberty Row or any of the Hope VI planned developments please call George Darnell, Hope VI Coordinator, at (859) 581-2533, ext. 212.

Fireworks Tips

Specifically permitted

Ground and hand-held sparkling devices (dipped stick sparkler, cylindrical and cone fountain, illuminating torch, wheel, ground spinner, flitter sparkler,) smoke, novelties, and trick noisemakers.

Specifically prohibited

No common fireworks item shall be offered for sale if ita has as part of its device any wings, fins or other mechanism designed to cause the device to fly, or if t carries an cautionary label which includes in its description any of the following terms: explosive, emits flaming pellets, flaming balls firecracker, report, or rocket.

For more details on Kentucky Law reference: Kentucky Revised Statues 227.700-227.900

Any questions about fireworks, please contact the:

State Fire Marshal Commonwealth of Kentucky Division of Fire Prevention 101 Sea Hero Road, Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-5405

Phone: 502-573-0364

http://hbc.ppr.ky.gov/Fireworks.htm

Newport Blossoms

Members of the East Row Garden Club have been busy promoting the City of Newport. For the second year in a row, the Club's entry into the Cincinnati Flower Show's Window Box competition received a gold medal. And, not only did Newport take the gold, but also won the top prize of Best in Show "Amateur Achievement"



in Window Box" Award. This year's design team of Gerri Jones, Tom Lorenz and Rene McPhedran were happy to build on the previous year's success.

For more information about the East Row Garden Club call (859) 291-2565.

Mark Your Calendar!

Information pertaining to various City Commission and other City Board meeting schedules and events may also be viewed on the City's Cable Channel 16 and City's web site www.cityofnewportky.org.

June 10 - 13 Italianfest 2004

Newport's Riverboat Row between the Taylor-Southgate and L&N Bridges. The festival has authentic Italian food and live Italian music performed by entertainers from around the nation, pizza eating contest, cooking contest, games, rides and fireworks on June 13 & June 14. For more information, please call (859) 292-3666.

June 23 Snow Cones in the Parks - All City Parks

Newport Parks & Recreation Snow Cone Man will be coming to area parks with free snow cones for all park visitors. Call (859) 292-3686 for times.

June 25 - 27 Irish Heritage Festival

A weekend long celebration of this area's second largest immigrant population that features authentic Irish food, song, dance and literature. For more information, please call (513) 761-9911.

June 26 - 27 East Row Garden Walk

The Garden Tour takes place from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.. Visitors stroll through the neighborhood and view urban gardens that feature new and old-fashioned flowers, shrubs and trees. For more information call (513) 588-4600.

June 27 Teen Swim Night

The Veterans Memorial Pool is reserved for teens to swim from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. for a cost of \$5.00. Come hang out with other Newport teens for a night of music, pizza and swimming. For more information, please call (859) 292-3686.

July 2 - 4 America's Celebration/Newport Motorcycle Rally

This celebration will include fireworks on the riverfront, games, live entertainment, food, contests and prizes! For more information call (513) 761-9911.

July 11 Sundaes in the Parks - All City Parks

The Recreation Ice Cream Car will stop at all area parks to make free ice cream sundaes for all park visitors. Call (859) 292-3686 for specific times.

July 23 Teen Swim Party

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July 24 - 25 Newport Arts and Music Festival

This festival features fine arts and crafts, performing artists and a Gallery Tent featuring the artwork of local school children and the best local music around. For more information, please call (859) 292-3666.

information.

Parks and Recreation is looking for Red Cross Certified Lifeguards for the summer of 2004. Contact Parks and Recreation at (859) 292-3686 for more

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